



Charlie Wood explains a point to the group as Elden Wadsworth looks on.

Audubon, Town Lands Open off Mayflower St.

(The Rev. Canon Robert Merry made the following remarks at ceremonies opening Audubon and Town lands and trails off Mayflower St.)

On behalf of Selectman James Kelso, who regrets his inability to be here, I am commissioned to say a few words:

First of all, welcome to this new beginning -- this moment signifies the result of many months of thought and labor on the part of many people. Three hundred years ago these woods and ponds were laced with Indian trails and the shores sprouted many Indian wigwams and campfires; even now some are discovering bits of pottery and arrowheads near this area to testify to its use. A hundred years ago Duxbury was shifting from a preeminent ship-building center to a resort and recreational area and coming into the new railroad era, the first tracks of the Old Colony Railroad lying just a mile east of here. Duxbury's general outlines changed often since colonial times, but were then stabilized about where they are now.

Sixty years ago next month I was making regular drives in a 1924 Chevrolet pick-up from my father's ice house on Round Pond near here to our farm then on North Hill. It was the recollection of these trips that triggered my interest in a zone of open land with trails and recreational opportunities and enabled many other people to step forward and renew efforts that had been made to do something along this line.

Finally, it was David Clapp, here, of Audubon, who, with the legacy of land from the late Joe Lund a

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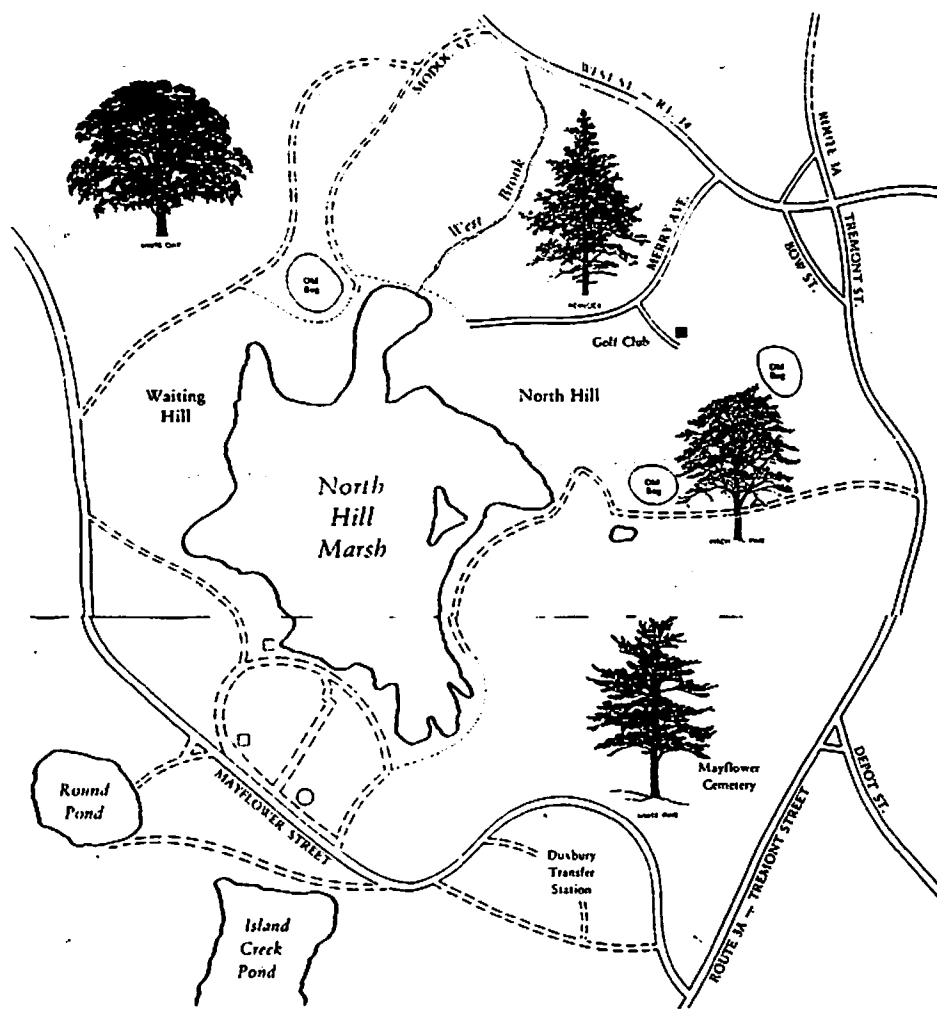
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few yards from this spot, that set the thing on track. There are many acknowledgements and thank yous that should be said, but it would take all day to do justice to them. Suffice to say that this has been a dream of many for many years.

We are grateful to the Duxbury Rural & Historical Society, whose lands committee has worked with Dave, and to the editor of the *Duxbury Clipper*, who has kept the project alive for these many years, and we are grateful to Brad Martin and Joe Grady of the town's lands and resources department, who contributed time and expertise to the task. Elden Wadsworth and Al Borjeson of the town forest, Walter Kopke and Martin Delano of the conservation commission, and Shawn Dahlen of the North Hill Commission -- all and many others have worked hard together to initiate this first step.

With these brief words and gratitude to all, especially those of you who are here this morning, we hereby dedicate this project and this initial beach head to the enhancement of the quality of life in Duxbury, and the return of this land to the use it had once before with the Indians.

Photos by Deni Johnson



- ☐ = You are here
- = Red Loop — .9 miles
- = Yellow Loop — .6 miles
- = Observation Platform

- = Monument
- = Dirt Road
- = No access
- = Path



David Clapp and Joe Grady point to the yellow circle that marks the trail of Mayflower St.



Please help us preserve these natural resources for the enjoyment of all.

- Remain on designated areas
- Keep dogs under control
- Fish only where designated
- Remove all litter

As we all work to preserve these fragile areas, we must restrict the following:

- Unauthorized motor vehicles & motor boats
- Fires, firearms, hunting & trapping
- Camping, cutting, removal of vegetation

Duxbury's town forest, composed of towering pines, dwarf the committee, walking along Mayflower St.